

**Public Hearing
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 32
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SUBJECT: Set a public hearing to approve the use of approximately 0.29 acres for water line and the temporary use of 0.91 acres of dedicated parkland known as Onion Creek Greenbelt located along Onion Creek Drive just south of South Pleasant Valley Road to allow the construction of a 12-inch water line through the park in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time: February 9, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street).

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: All costs associated with the line, as well as any parkland restoration, will be paid by the Austin Independent School District (AISD).

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Public Works
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Sondra Creighton

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by Parks Board on November 22, 2005.

PURCHASING: N/A

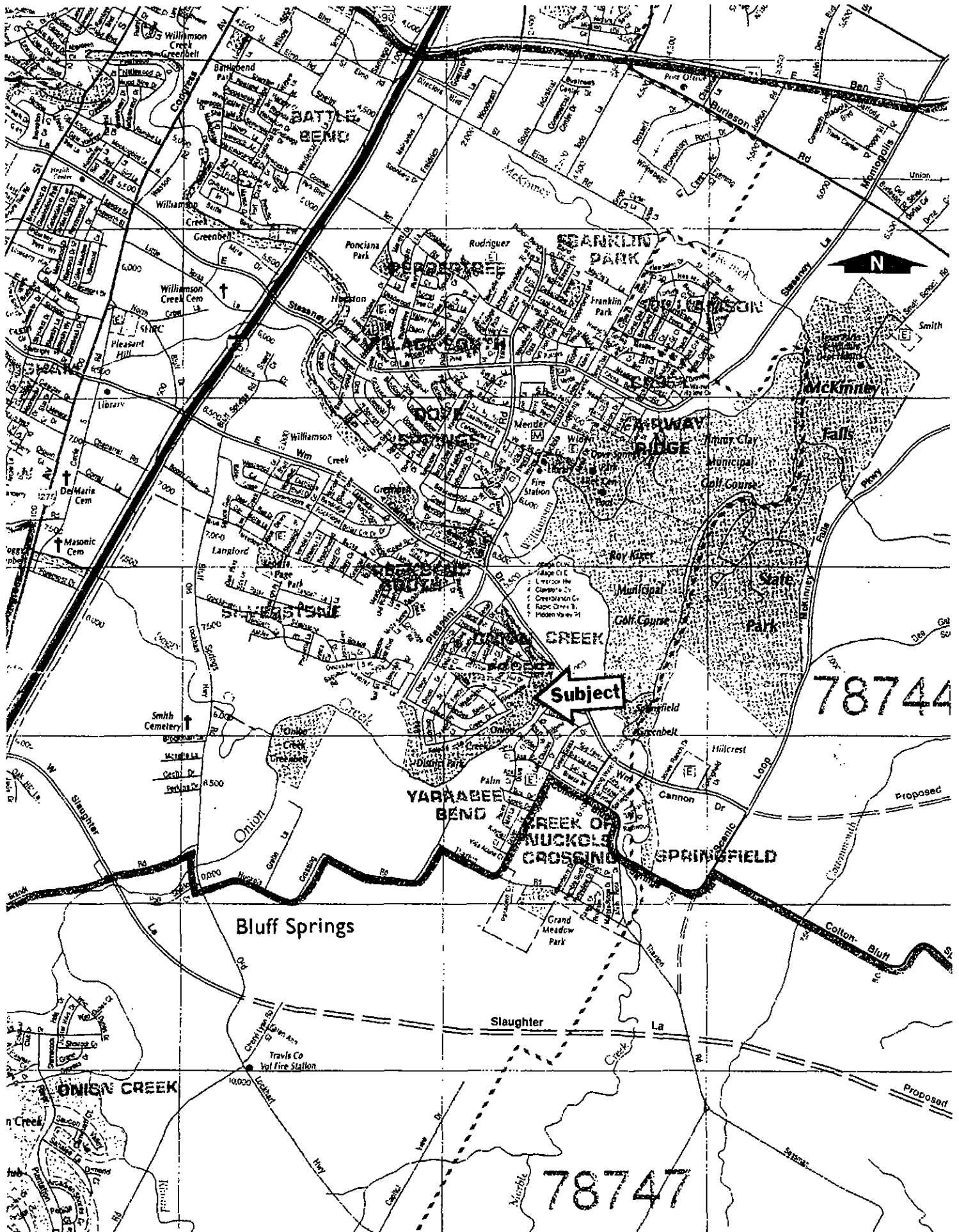
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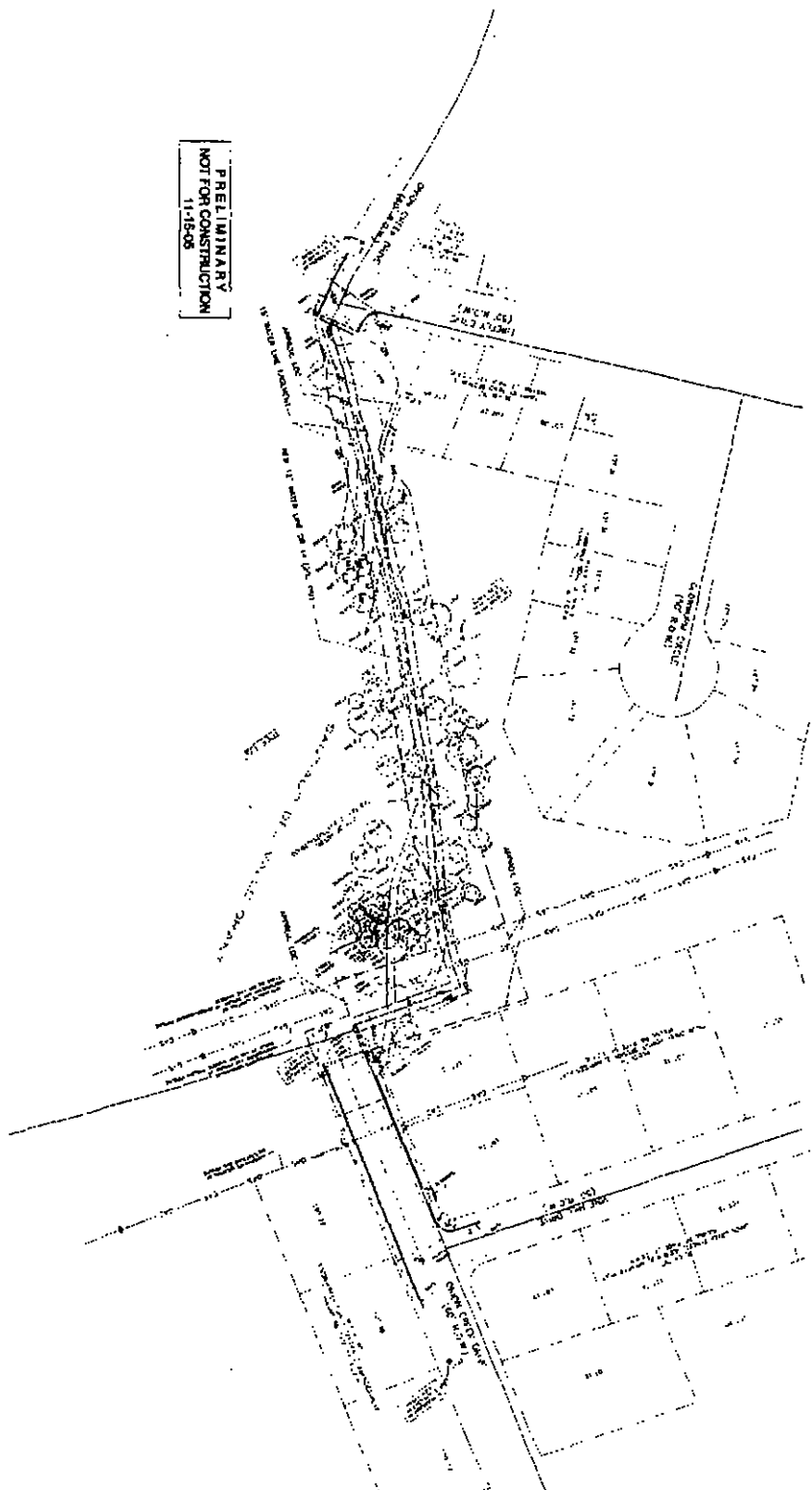
Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Austin Independent School District (AISD) is proposing to construct a 12-inch diameter water pipeline on parkland as part of the construction of the South East Elementary School (SEES). During the design phase and permitting of AISD's site, it was discovered that the City's existing water infrastructure was insufficient to provide the necessary water for fire protection. The Austin Water Utility, through computer modeling of the existing water system, determined that the only feasible option to provide the necessary water was to connect a new line to an existing off-site water line by crossing the Onion Creek Greenbelt. The new line will become part of the City's water system.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration in parkland will be completed in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". AISD is paying any and all costs associated with the restoration.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland, which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the *Austin American-Statesman* are January 15th, January 22nd, and January 29th, 2006.



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